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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 September 2006.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 21 September 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/21/2006.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

Arrangement of the Specification

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.
- (d) THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES TO A JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT.
- (e) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC.
- (f) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.
 - (1) Field of the Invention.
 - (2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- (g) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.
- (h) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).
- (i) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.
- (j) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (k) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (l) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the

art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claim 11, 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. As to claims 11 and 23 these claims are considered to be a single means claim see MPEP 2164.08(a).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 11-17, 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Russell (US 6,708,100).

As to claim 11 Russell discloses a single track vehicle (Column 3 lines 12-17) comprising:

a brake control unit, including means for actively assisting the driver by means of an active variation or limitation of a vehicle speed or of a quantity derived therefrom (Column 4 lines 12-24, Figure 4).

As to claim 12 Russell discloses a single track vehicle wherein the quantity derived is acceleration (Column 4 lines 12-24, Figure 4).

As to claim 13 Russell discloses a single-track vehicle wherein the brake control unit is equipped with a vehicle speed controller for adjusting a desired vehicle speed by means of an automatic intervention into brake control and/or driving engine control (Column 4 lines Column 4 lines 51-67).

As to claim 14 Russell discloses a single-track vehicle wherein the brake control unit includes a vehicle acceleration controller for adjusting desired vehicle acceleration by means of an automatic intervention into brake control and/or driving engine control (Column 4 lines 12-24).

As to claim 15 Russell discloses a single-track vehicle wherein the brake control unit comprises:

a vehicle acceleration controller (Column 4 lines 12-24, Figure 4).

a longitudinal controller is arranged for the purpose of actuation of a vehicle acceleration controller according to a desired vehicle acceleration, the current vehicle acceleration, the current driving engine torque, and the current brake pressure (Column 4 lines 12-24).

As to claim 16 Russell discloses a single-track vehicle wherein the means for actively assisting the drive comprise a cruise control system (Column 4 lines 58-Column 5 lines 1-3).

As to claim 17 Russell discloses a single-track vehicle wherein the cruise control system is selected from the group consisting of an adaptive cruise control system, an

intelligent cruise control system and an autonomous intelligent control system(Column 4 lines 58-Column 5 lines 1-3)

As to claim 22 Russell discloses a single-track vehicle characterized in that the means for the active driver assistance include a device for the automatic vehicle deceleration for stabilization of the vehicle (Column 4 lines 12-24, Figure 4)

As to claim 23 Russell discloses a single-track vehicle system, comprising:
a single track vehicle(Column 3 lines 12-17); and
a brake control unit, including means for actively assisting the driver by means of an active variation or limitation of a vehicle speed or of a quantity derived therefrom(Column 4 lines 12-24, Figure 4).

The statements of intended use or field of use "for" clauses are essentially method limitations or statements or intended or desired use. Thus, these claims as well as other statements of intended use do not serve to patentably distinguish the claimed structure over that of the reference. See In re Pearson, 181 USPQ 641; In re Yanush, 177 USPQ 705; In re Finsterwalder, 168 USPQ 530; In re Casey, 512 USPQ 235; In re Otto, 136 USPQ 458; Ex parte Masham, 2 USPQ 2nd 1647.

See MPEP § 2114 which states:

A claim containing a "recitation with respect to the manner in which a claimed apparatus is intended to be employed does not differentiate the claimed apparatus from the prior art apparatus" if the prior art apparatus teaches all the structural limitations of the claim. Ex parte Masham, 2 USPQ 2nd 1647

Claims directed to apparatus must be distinguished from the prior art in terms of structure rather than functions. In re Danly, 120 USPQ 528, 531.

Apparatus claims cover what a device is not what a device does. Hewlett-Packard Co. v. Bausch & Lomb Inc., 15 USPQ2d 1525, 1528.

As set forth in MPEP § 2115, a recitation in a claim to the material or article worked upon does not serve to limit an apparatus claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 18, 19 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Russell (US 6,708,100) in view of Tellis (US 2003/0135318).

As to claim 18 Russell does not explicitly disclose of a single-track vehicle characterized in that the means for the active driver assistance comprises a device for the vehicle hold assistance. Tellis however teaches of a device for vehicle hold assistance (Paragraph 20). It would have been obvious to have a device for vehicle hold assistance with the motivation of providing an enhanced driving experience for the driver.

As to claim 19 Russell does not explicitly disclose a single-track vehicle characterized in that the means for the active driver assistance includes a device for stop-and-go control. Tellis however discloses a device for stop-and-go control (Paragraph 9). It would have been obvious to have a device for stop and go control with the motivation of providing an enhanced driving experience in traffic situations.

7. Claims 20, 21 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Russell (US 6,708,100) in view of Mattes (US 2004/0153217).

As to claim 20 Russell does not explicitly disclose of a device for conditioning of the braking system. Mattes teaches of a vehicle characterized in that the means for active driver assistance includes a device for the automatic conditioning of the brake system depending on the risk potential (Abstract, Figures1-3, Paragraph 12, 13). It would have been obvious to condition the brake system with the motivation of providing more effective braking.

As to claim 21 Mattes teaches of discloses a single-track vehicle characterized in that the means for the active driver assistance include a device for the automatic 'braking to become dry' of brake discs of the brake system(Abstract, Figures 1-3,Paragraph 12,13). It would have been obvious to condition the brake system with the motivation of providing more effective braking.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to IMRAN MUSTAFA whose telephone number is (571)270-1471. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:30AM-5:00PM, Alt Fri, Eastern Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Keith can be reached on 571-272-6878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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